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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Yuji Kitamura
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For: Method and System for Tracking
Items Using a Distributed
Infrastructure

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AMENDMENT "A"

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 26, 2003, the applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

The fee for additional claims in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.16(b)-(d) has been calculated as shown below:

					Small Entity		Other Than a Small Entity	
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	45	Minus	37	8	x \$9	\$	x \$18	\$144
Indep.	6	Minus	4	2	x \$43	\$	x \$86	\$172
Total Additional Fees						\$	OR	\$316

A Fee Transmittal Form is attached.

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